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YOU OWE ME, MERCENARY--NOT THE OTHER WAY!
THEN LET ME REPAY YOU FOR THE GOBLET OF WINE YOU SERVED SO UNGRACIOUSLY!
STOP, YOU FOOL!
I AM NEITHER FOOL NOR CHEAT...
...AND EVEN A THURDAN OFFICER MUST LEARN THAT!
BLOOSH!
AAAAGH!
THIS THONGOR IS A MADMAN!
HE DARES INSULT ME!
WITNESS, THEN, HOW HE COURTS HIS DOOM!
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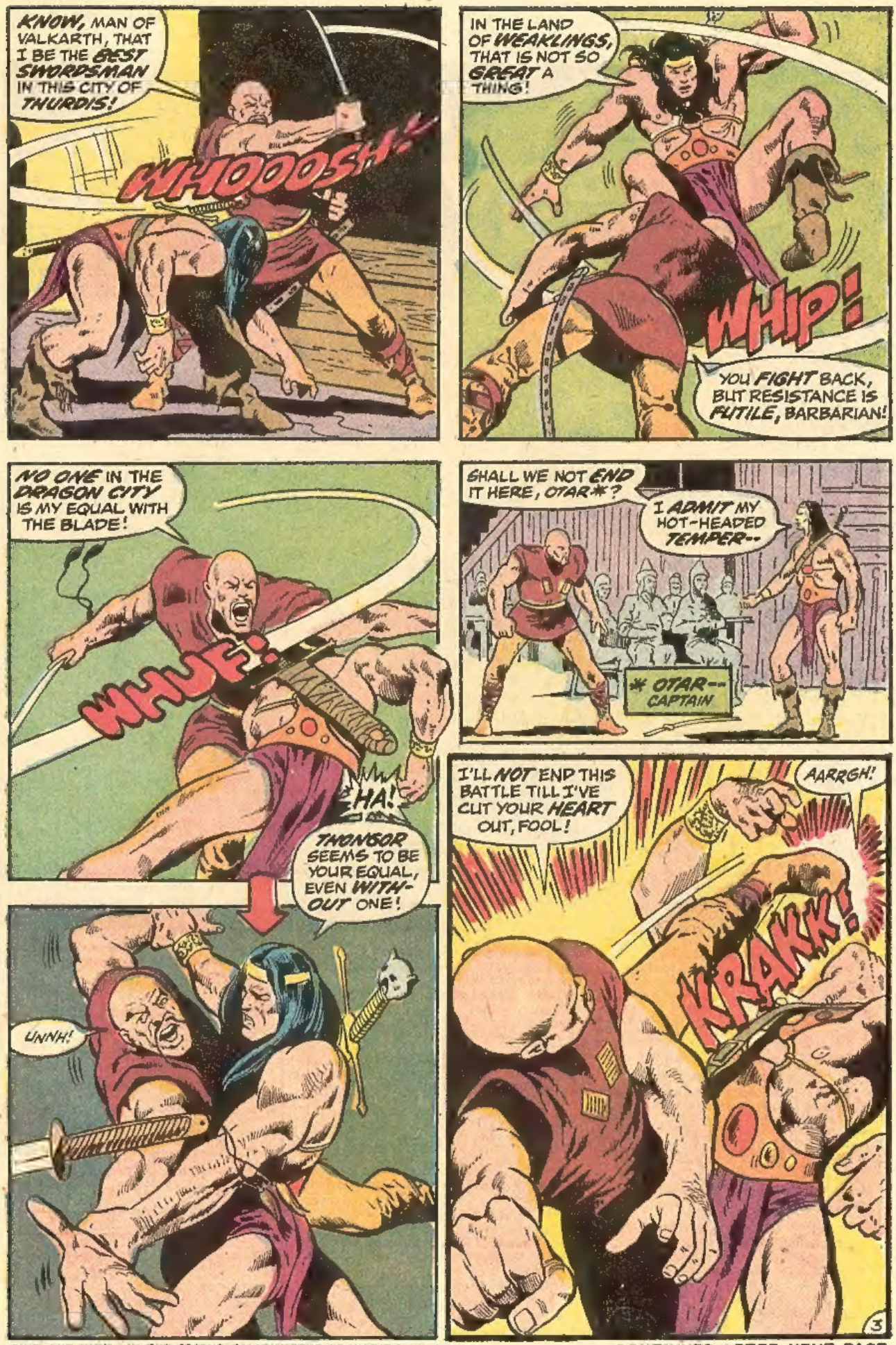
KNOW, MAN OF VALKARTH, THAT I BE THE BEST SWORDSMAN IN THIS CITY OF THURDIS!
WHOOOSH!
IN THE LAND OF WEAKLINGS, THAT IS NOT SO GREAT A THING!
WHIP!
YOU FIGHT BACK, BUT RESISTANCE IS FUTILE, BARBARIAN!
NO ONE IN THE DRAGON CITY IS MY EQUAL WITH THE BLADE!
WHUF!
HA!
THONGOR SEEMS TO BE YOUR EQUAL, EVEN WITHOUT ONE!
UNNH!
SHALL WE NOT END IT HERE, OTAR*?
I ADMIT MY HOT-HEADED TEMPER--
* OTAR--CAPTAIN
I'LL NOT END THIS BATTLE TILL I'VE CUT YOUR HEART OUT, FOOL!
AARRGH!
KRAKK!
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FIND OUT WHY--IN THE SECOND SMASH ISSUE OF WORLDS UNKNOWN!

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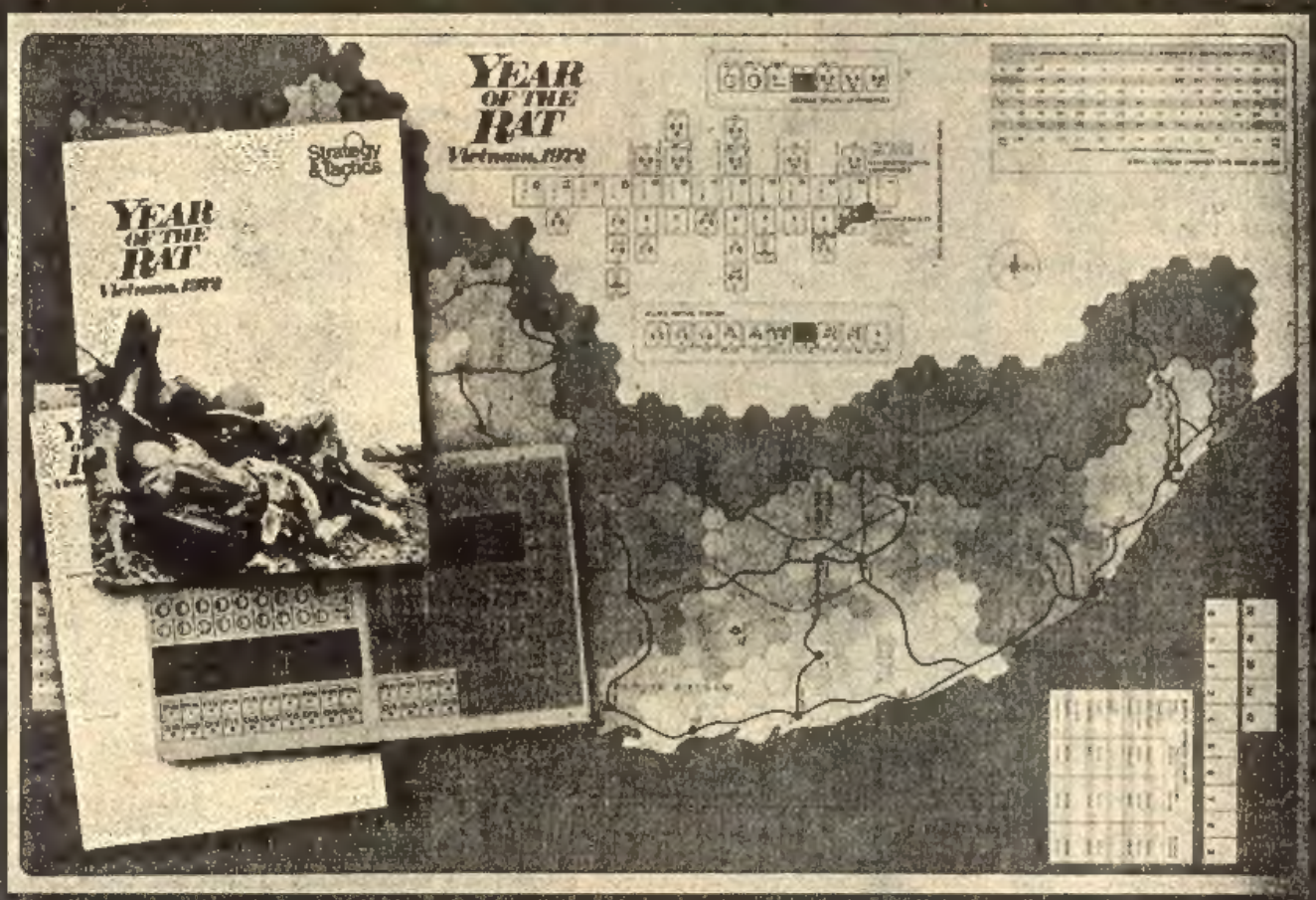

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YOUR SWORD?
IF YOU HAD IT, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT?
ENOUGH, OR I'LL SPLIT YOU ON MY STEEL!
P-PEACE, THEN! I SWEAR IT!
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THOK!
HUNH!
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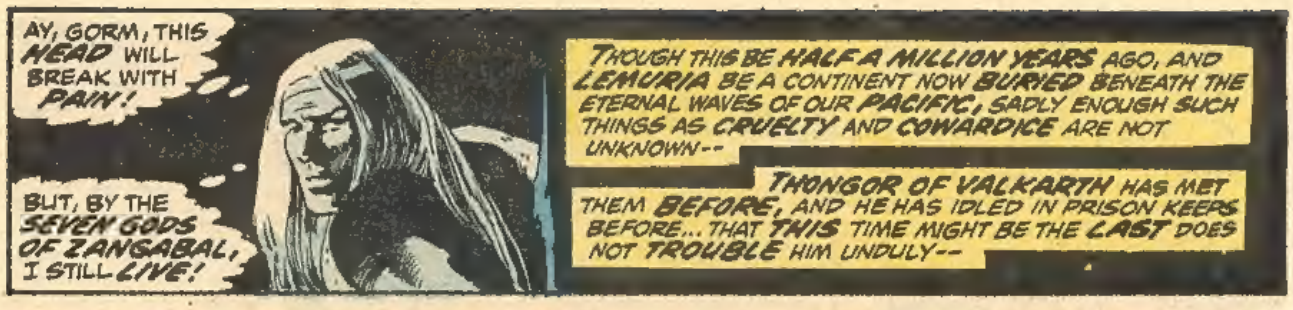
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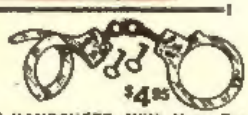

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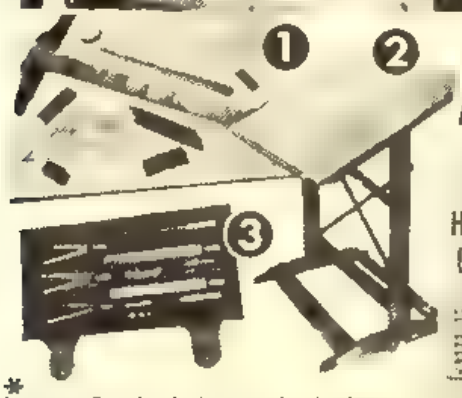

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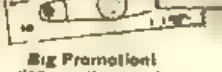

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SARKOZAN, SWORD OF MY FATHERS!
HOW CAME YOU BY IT--AND THE KEYS?
AH, I JUST THOUGHT THE GUARD HAD LITTLE USE FOR THEM--
--IN HIS PRESENT CONDITION!
YOU SLEW HIM, THEN?
NAY, MY BLOOD-HUNGRY FRIEND, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS!
HE MERELY ENJOYS AN UNEXPECTED NAP!
NOW COME! WE MUST HURRY!
YOU CAN SLIP OUT THIS WAY.
THIS CITY IS MY HOME, THONGOR. OUR PATHS MUST HERE PART.
MY THANKS TO YOU, ALD TURMIS.
MAYHAP OUR LIVES MAY AGAIN CROSS. FAREWELL!
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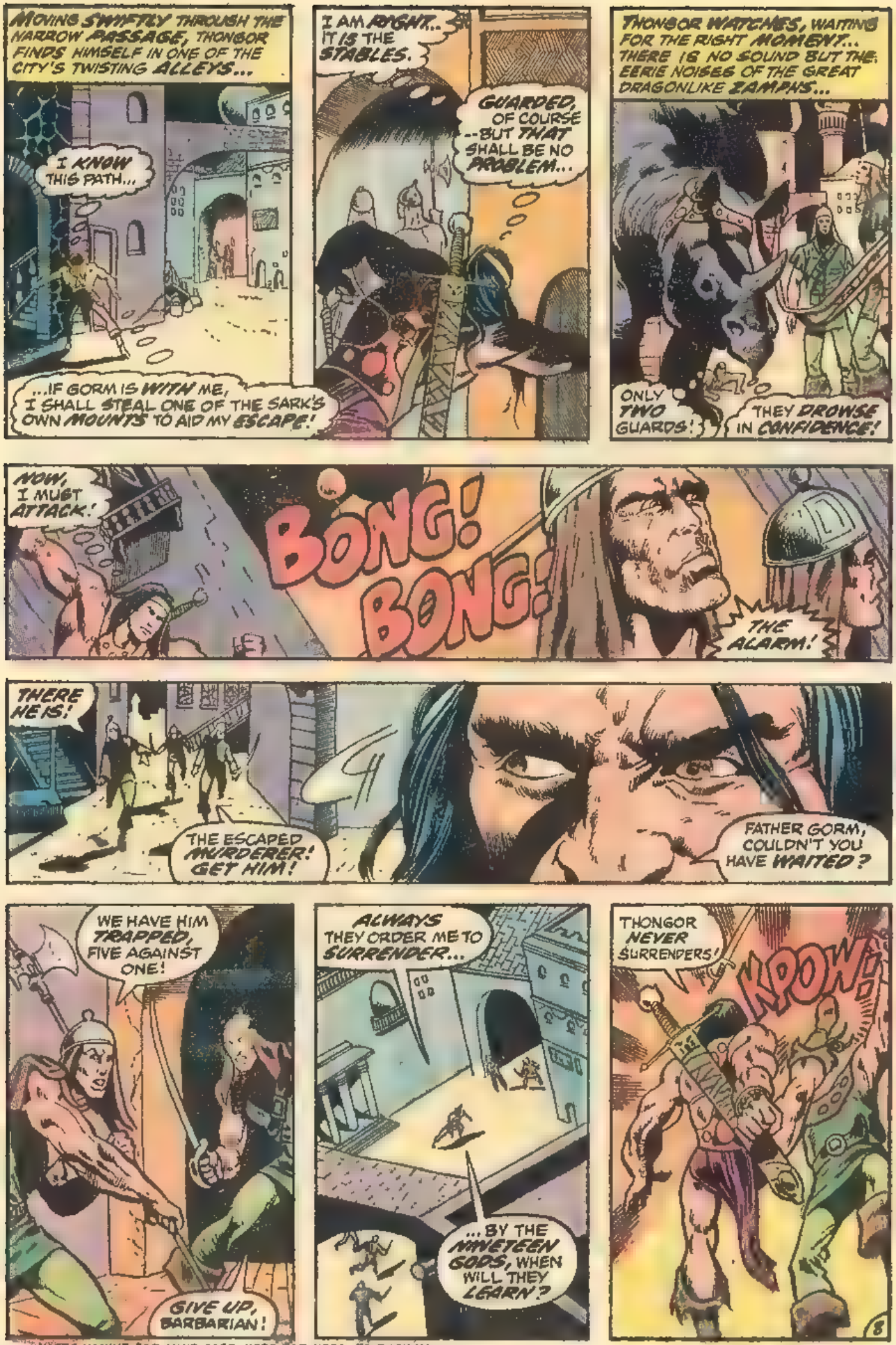
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I KNOW THIS PATH...
...IF GORM IS WITH ME, I SHALL STEAL ONE OF THE SARK'S OWN MOUNTS TO AID MY ESCAPE!
I AM RIGHT... IT IS THE STABLES.
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NOW, I MUST ATTACK!
BONG! BONG!
THE ALARM!
THERE HE IS!
THE ESCAPED MURDERER! GET HIM!
FATHER GORM, COULDN'T YOU HAVE WAITED?
WE HAVE HIM TRAPPED, FIVE AGAINST ONE!
GIVE UP, BARBARIAN!
ALWAYS THEY ORDER ME TO SURRENDER...
...BY THE NINETEEN GODS, WHEN WILL THEY LEARN?
THONGOR NEVER SURRENDERS!
KPOW!
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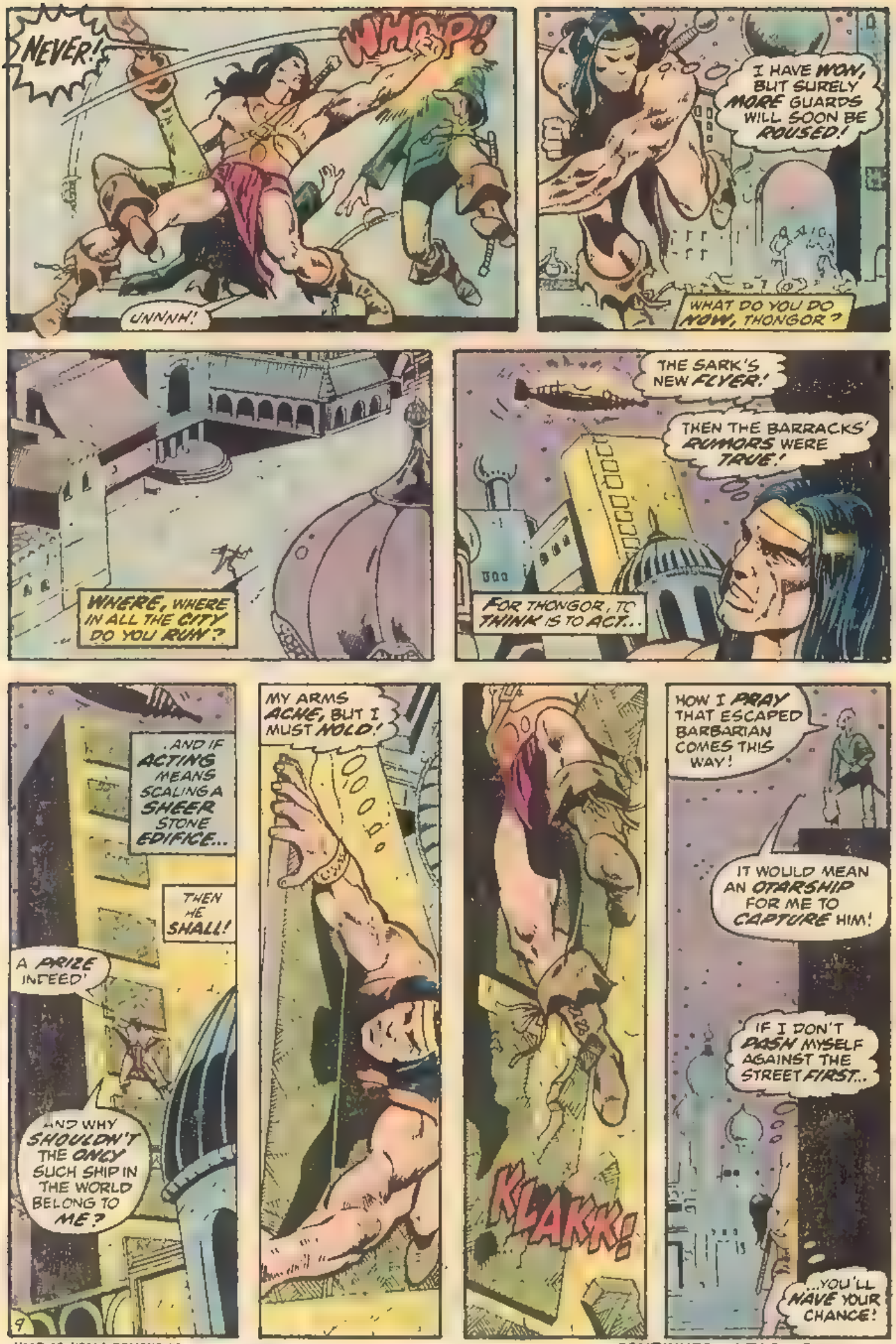
—UNLESS YOU'VE GOT LUKE CAGE, HERO FOR HERO, TO BACK YOU UP!


NEVER!
WHOP!
UNNNH!
I HAVE WON, BUT SURELY MORE GUARDS WILL SOON BE ROUSED!
WHAT DO YOU DO NOW, THONGOR?
WHERE, WHERE IN ALL THE CITY DO YOU RUN?
THE SARK'S NEW FLYER!
THEN THE BARRACKS' RUMORS WERE TRUE!
FOR THONGOR, TO THINK IS TO ACT...
...AND IF ACTING MEANS SCALING A SHEER STONE EDIFICE...
THEN HE SHALL!
A PRIZE INDEED!
AND WHY SHOULDN'T THE ONLY SUCH SHIP IN THE WORLD BELONG TO ME?
MY ARMS ACHE, BUT I MUST HOLD!
KLAKK!
HOW I PRAY THAT ESCAPED BARBARIAN COMES THIS WAY!
IT WOULD MEAN AN OTARSHIP FOR ME TO CAPTURE HIM!
IF I DON'T PASN MYSELF AGAINST THE STREET FIRST...
...YOU'LL HAVE YOUR CHANCE!
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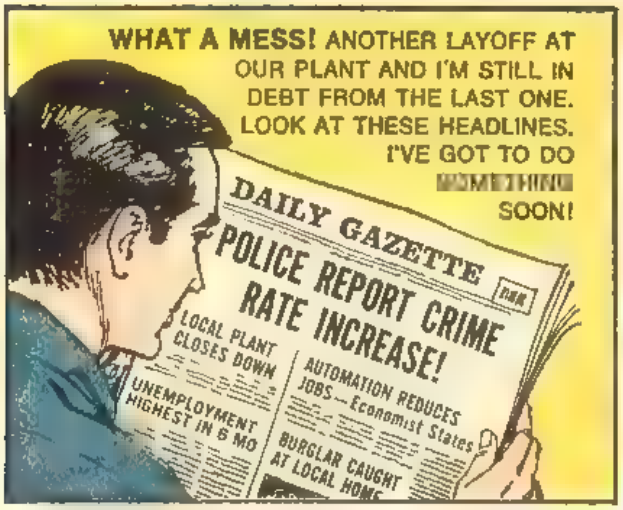
WHAT A MESS! ANOTHER LAYOFF AT OUR PLANT AND I'M STILL IN DEBT FROM THE LAST ONE. LOOK AT THESE HEADLINES. I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING SOON!
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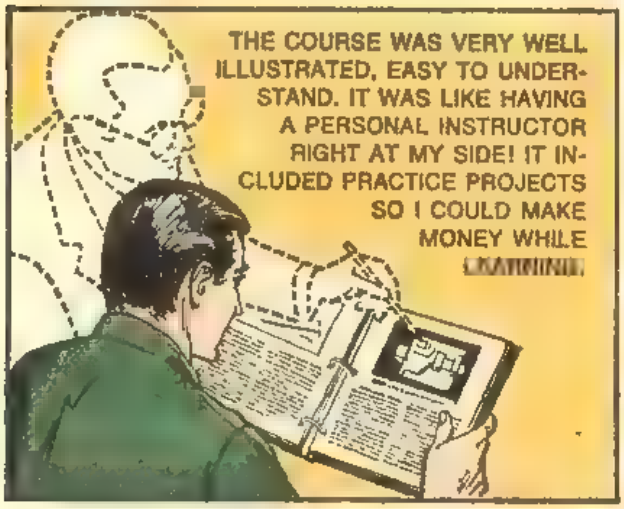
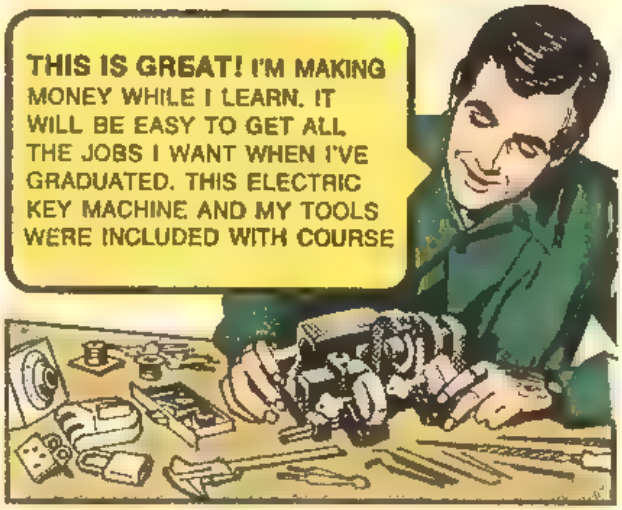

THE COURSE WAS VERY WELL ILLUSTRATED, EASY TO UNDERSTAND. IT WAS LIKE HAVING A PERSONAL INSTRUCTOR RIGHT AT MY SIDE! IT INCLUDED PRACTICE PROJECTS SO I COULD MAKE MONEY WHILE LEARNING!


THIS IS GREAT! I'M MAKING MONEY WHILE I LEARN. IT WILL BE EASY TO GET ALL THE JOBS I WANT WHEN I'VE GRADUATED. THIS ELECTRIC KEY MACHINE AND MY TOOLS WERE INCLUDED WITH COURSE

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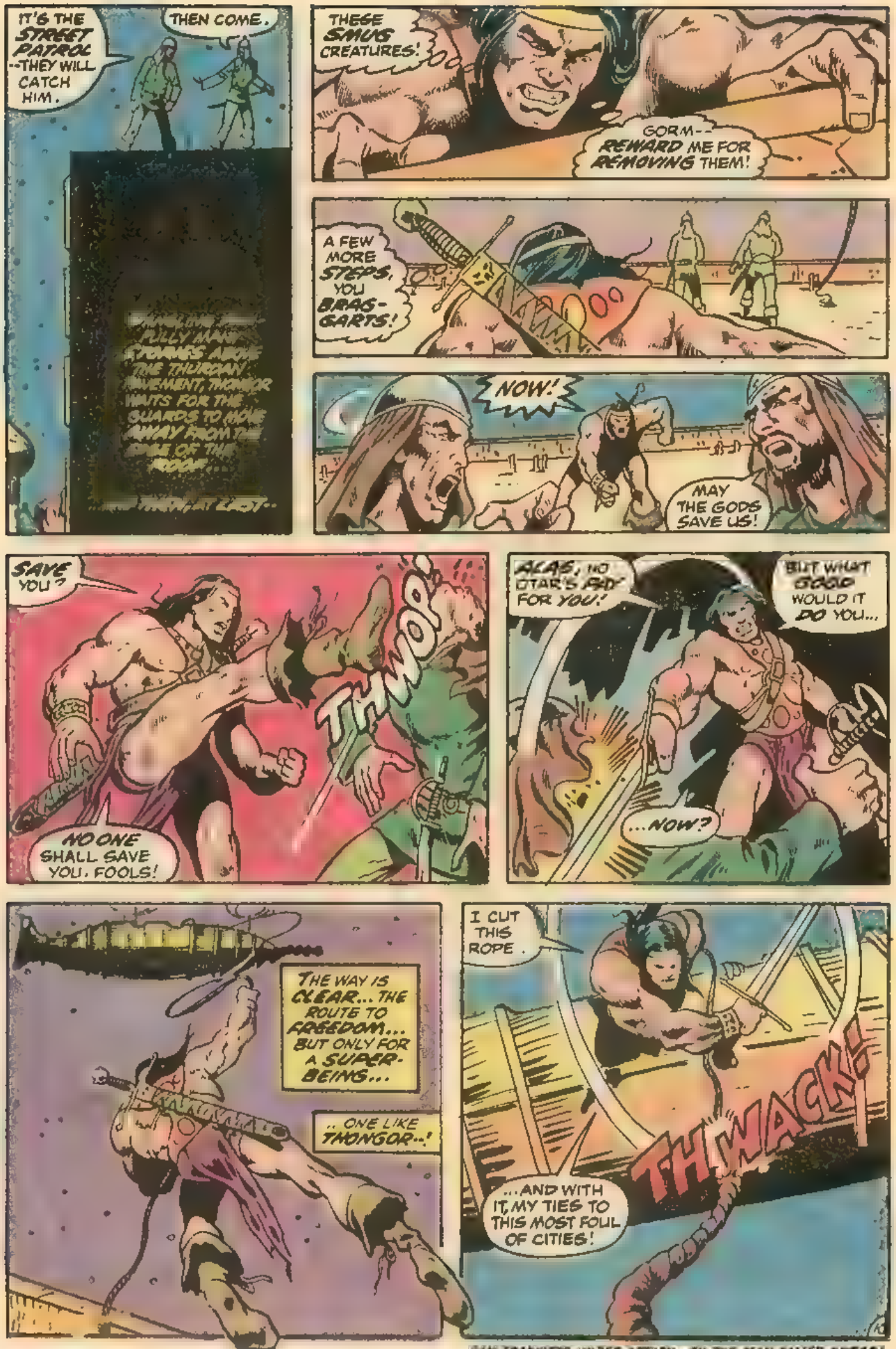
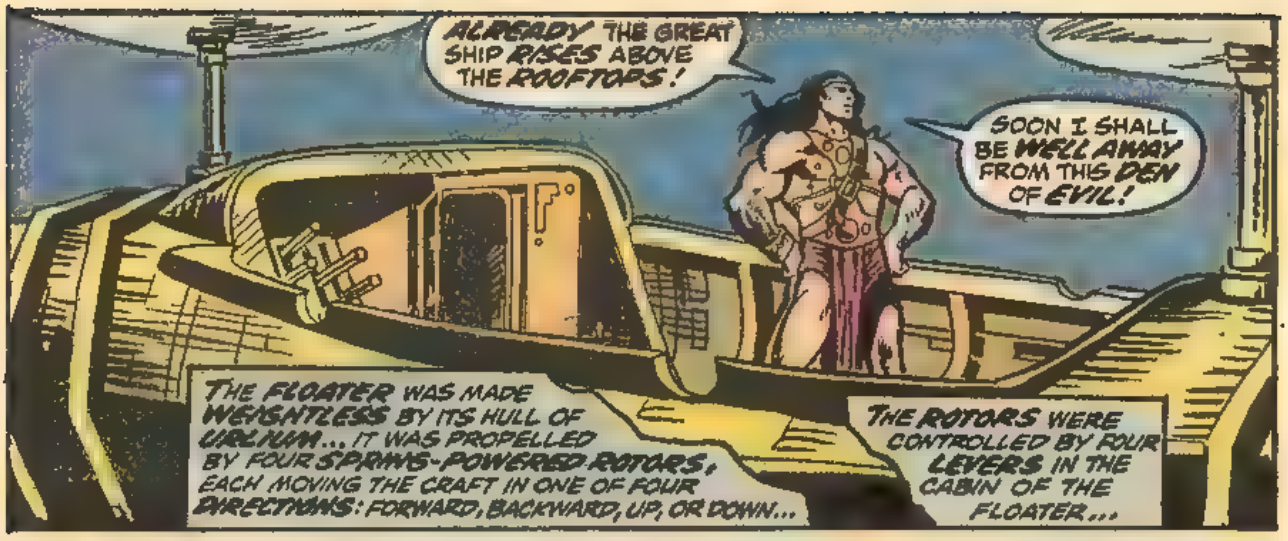
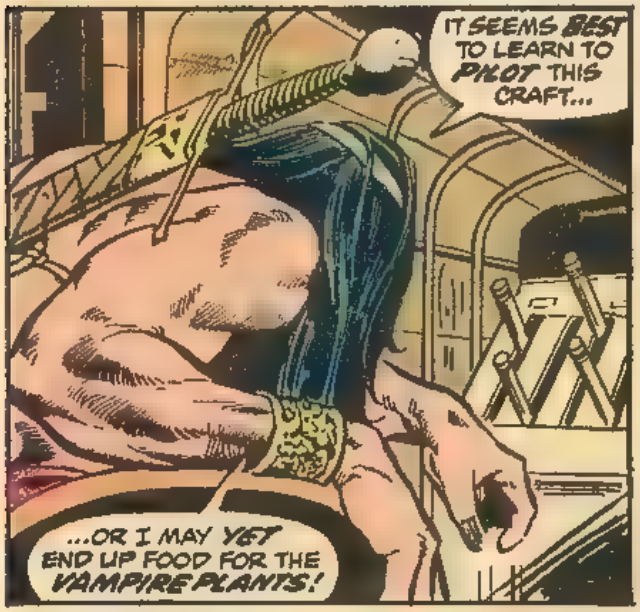
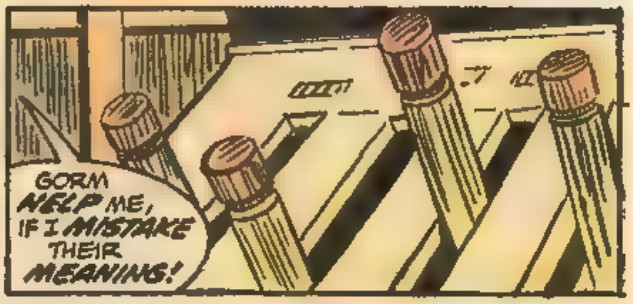
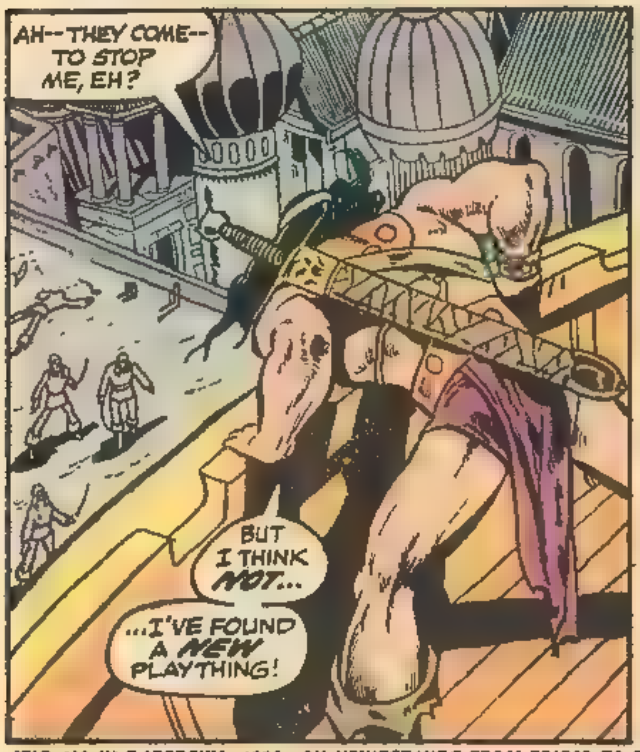

IT'S THE STREET PATROL --THEY WILL CATCH HIM.
THEN COME.
THESE SMUG CREATURES!
GORM-- REWARD ME FOR REMOVING THEM!
A FEW MORE STEPS, YOU BRAG-GARTS!
NOW!
MAY THE GODS SAVE US!
SAVE YOU?
THWOP
NO ONE SHALL SAVE YOU, FOOLS!
ALAS, NO OTAR'S AID FOR YOU!
BUT WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO YOU...
...NOW?
THE WAY IS CLEAR... THE ROUTE TO FREEDOM... BUT ONLY FOR A SUPER-BEING...
.. ONE LIKE THONGOR..!
I CUT THIS ROPE.
THWACK!
...AND WITH IT, MY TIES TO THIS MOST FOUL OF CITIES!


ALREADY THE GREAT SHIP RISES ABOVE THE ROOFTOPS!
SOON I SHALL BE WELL AWAY FROM THIS DEN OF EVIL!
THE FLOATER WAS MADE WEIGHTLESS BY ITS HULL OF URANIUM... IT WAS PROPELLED BY FOUR SPRING-POWERED ROTORS, EACH MOVING THE CRAFT IN ONE OF FOUR DIRECTIONS: FORWARD, BACKWARD, UP, OR DOWN...
THE ROTORS WERE CONTROLLED BY FOUR LEVERS IN THE CABIN OF THE FLOATER...







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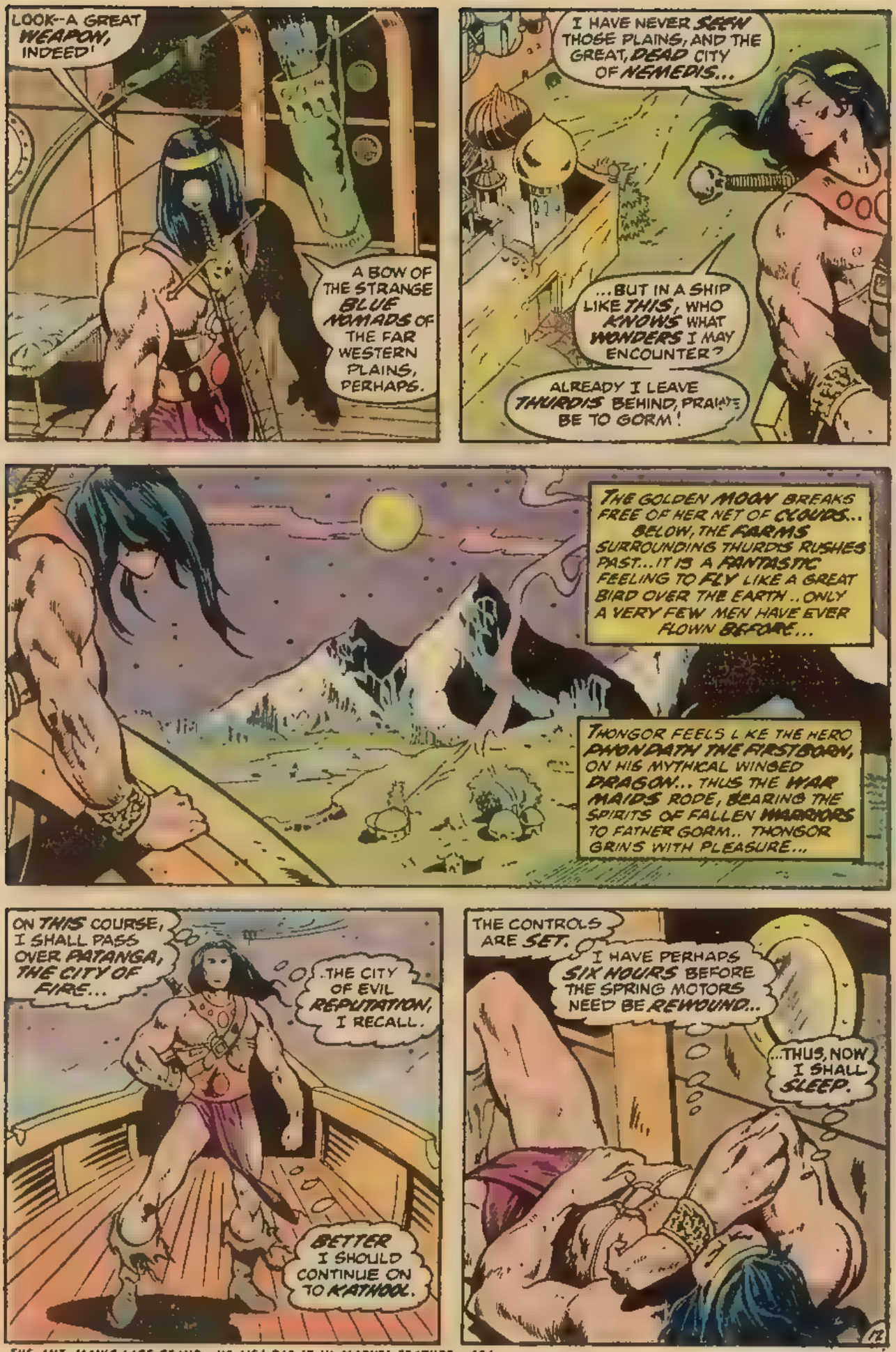
LOOK--A GREAT WEAPON, INDEED!
A BOW OF THE STRANGE BLUE NOMADS OF THE FAR WESTERN PLAINS, PERHAPS.
I HAVE NEVER SEEN THOSE PLAINS, AND THE GREAT, DEAD CITY OF NEMEDIS...
...BUT IN A SHIP LIKE THIS, WHO KNOWS WHAT WONDERS I MAY ENCOUNTER?
ALREADY I LEAVE THURDIS BEHIND, PRAISE BE TO GORM!
THE GOLDEN MOON BREAKS FREE OF HER NET OF CLOUDS... BELOW, THE FARMS SURROUNDING THURDIS RUSHES PAST... IT IS A FANTASTIC FEELING TO FLY LIKE A GREAT BIRD OVER THE EARTH.. ONLY A VERY FEW MEN HAVE EVER FLOWN BEFORE...
THONGOR FEELS LIKE THE HERO PHONDATH THE FIRSTBORN, ON HIS MYTHICAL WINGED DRAGON... THUS THE WAR MAIDS RODE, BEARING THE SPIRITS OF FALLEN WARRIORS TO FATHER GORM.. THONGOR GRINS WITH PLEASURE...
ON THIS COURSE, I SHALL PASS OVER PATANGA, THE CITY OF FIRE...
..THE CITY OF EVIL REPUTATION, I RECALL.
BETTER I SHOULD CONTINUE ON TO KATHOOL.
THE CONTROLS ARE SET.
I HAVE PERHAPS SIX HOURS BEFORE THE SPRING MOTORS NEED BE REWOUND..
...THUS, NOW I SHALL SLEEP.
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GRAKK!
GORM! WHAT HORROR ROUSES ME FROM MY SLUMBER?
BY THE SEVEN GODS OF ZANGABAL!
THONGOR AWAKENS, EXPECTING TO SEE THE MISTY SPIRES OF KATHOOL BENEATH HIM...
HE UNDERSTANDS IN AN INSTANT... WHEN THE ROTORS HAD RUN DOWN, THE AIRSHIP HAD NOT HOVERED OVER THE CITY OF KATHOOL...
...THE STRONG WINDS HAD BLOWN HIM WEST... ABOVE THE DARKEST, MOST IMPENETRABLE JUNGLES OF CHUSH...
FATHER GORM, AID ME, OR I'LL BE WITH YOU WITHIN THE HOUR!
GRAKK!
A GRAKK! AND I INVADE ITS REALM!
SMAKK!
THE GRAKK HITS THE AIRSHIP A GLANCING BLOW... AND THONGOR GRABS A RAIL AND HOLDS ON...
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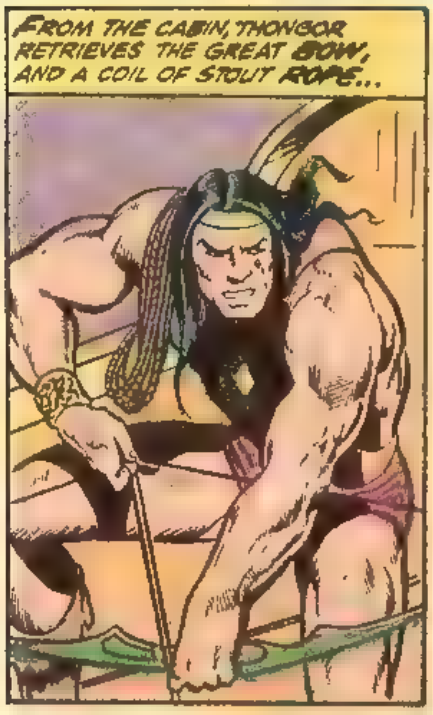

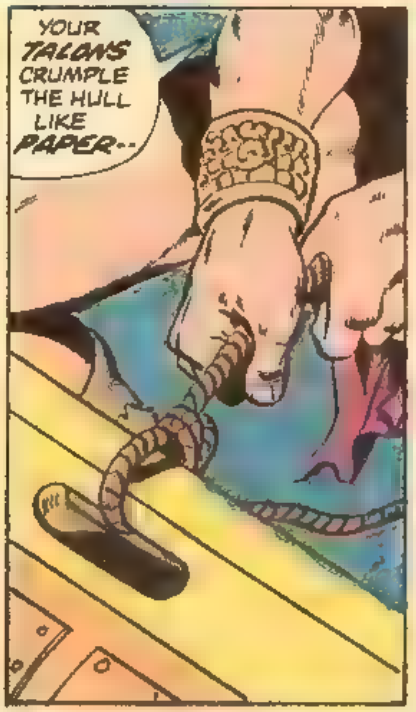

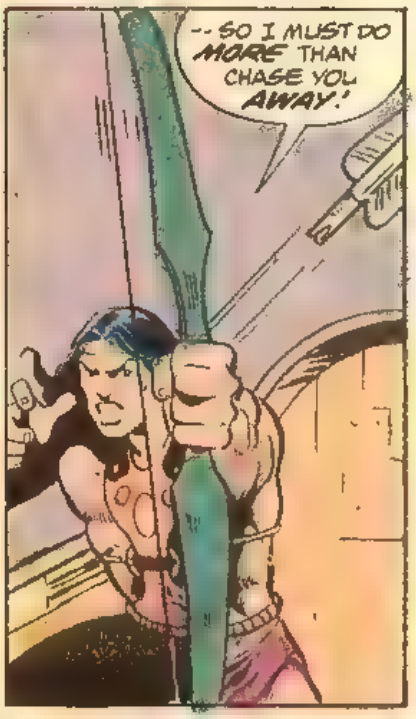

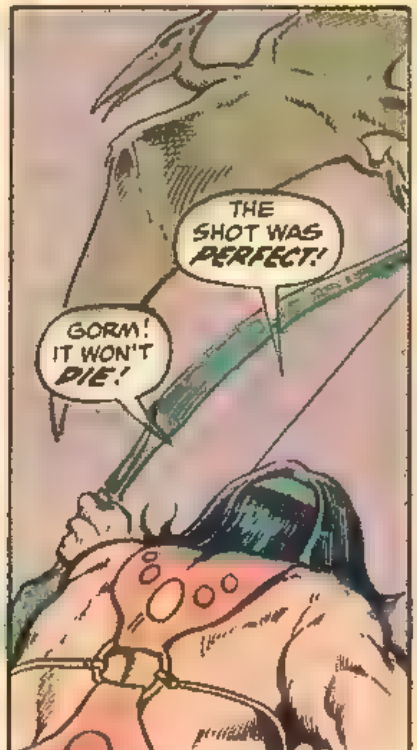

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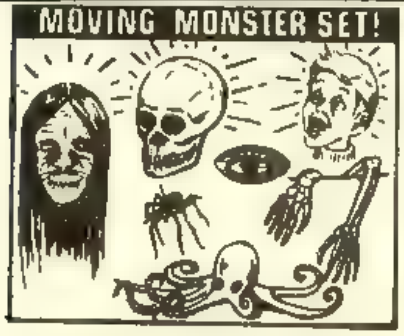

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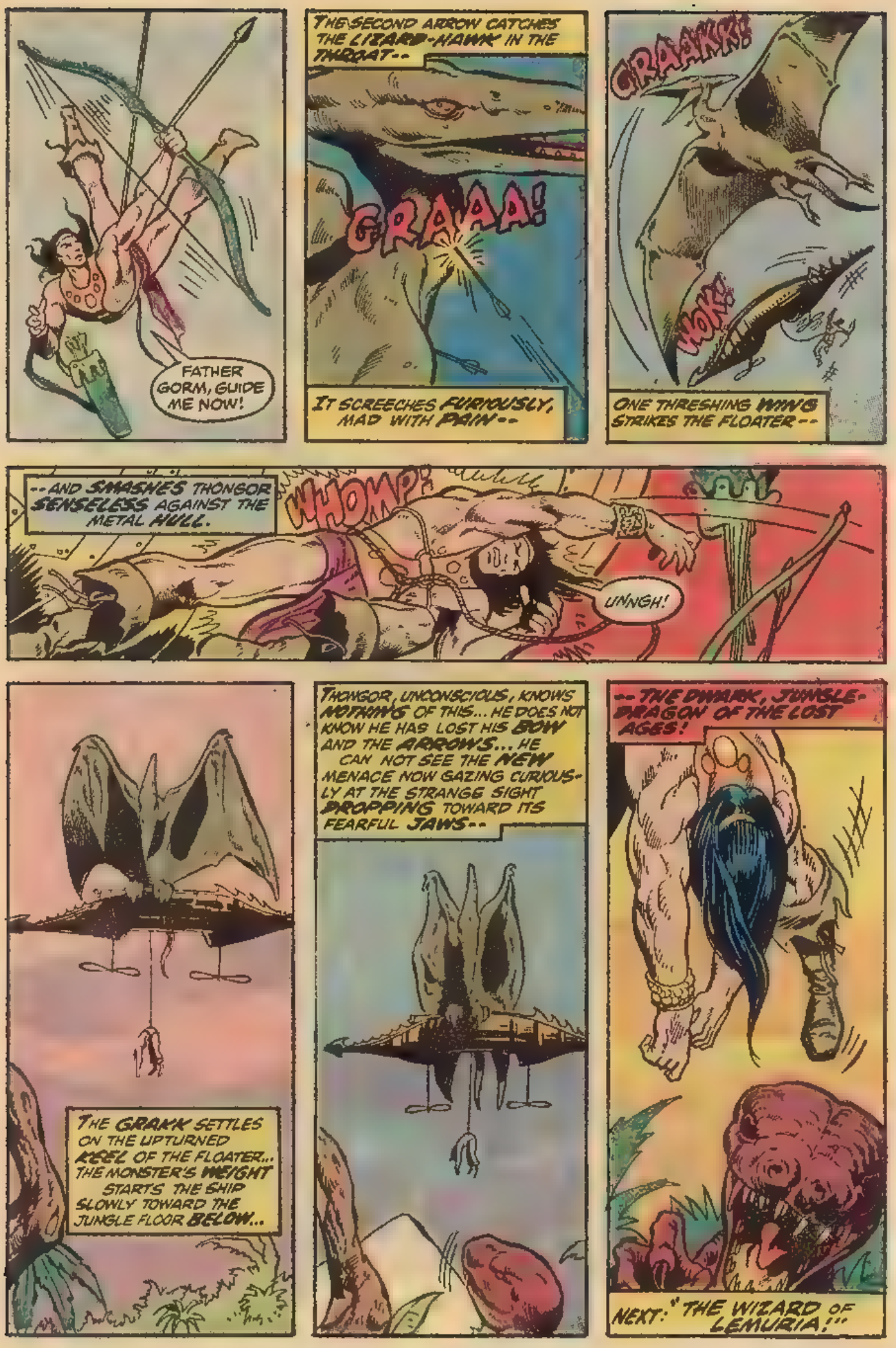
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THE SECOND ARROW CATCHES THE LIZARD-HAWK IN THE THROAT--
GRAAA!
IT SCREECHES FURIOUSLY, MAD WITH PAIN--
GRAAKK!
WOK!
ONE THRESHING WING STRIKES THE FLOATER--
--AND SMASHES THONGOR SENSELESS AGAINST THE METAL HULL.
WHOMP!
UNNGH!
THE GRAAK SETTLES ON THE UPTURNED KEEL OF THE FLOATER... THE MONSTER'S WEIGHT STARTS THE SHIP SLOWLY TOWARD THE JUNGLE FLOOR BELOW...
THONGOR, UNCONSCIOUS, KNOWS NOTHING OF THIS... HE DOES NOT KNOW HE HAS LOST HIS BOW AND THE ARROWS... HE CAN NOT SEE THE NEW MENACE NOW GAZING CURIOUSLY AT THE STRANGE SIGHT DROPPING TOWARD ITS FEARFUL JAWS--
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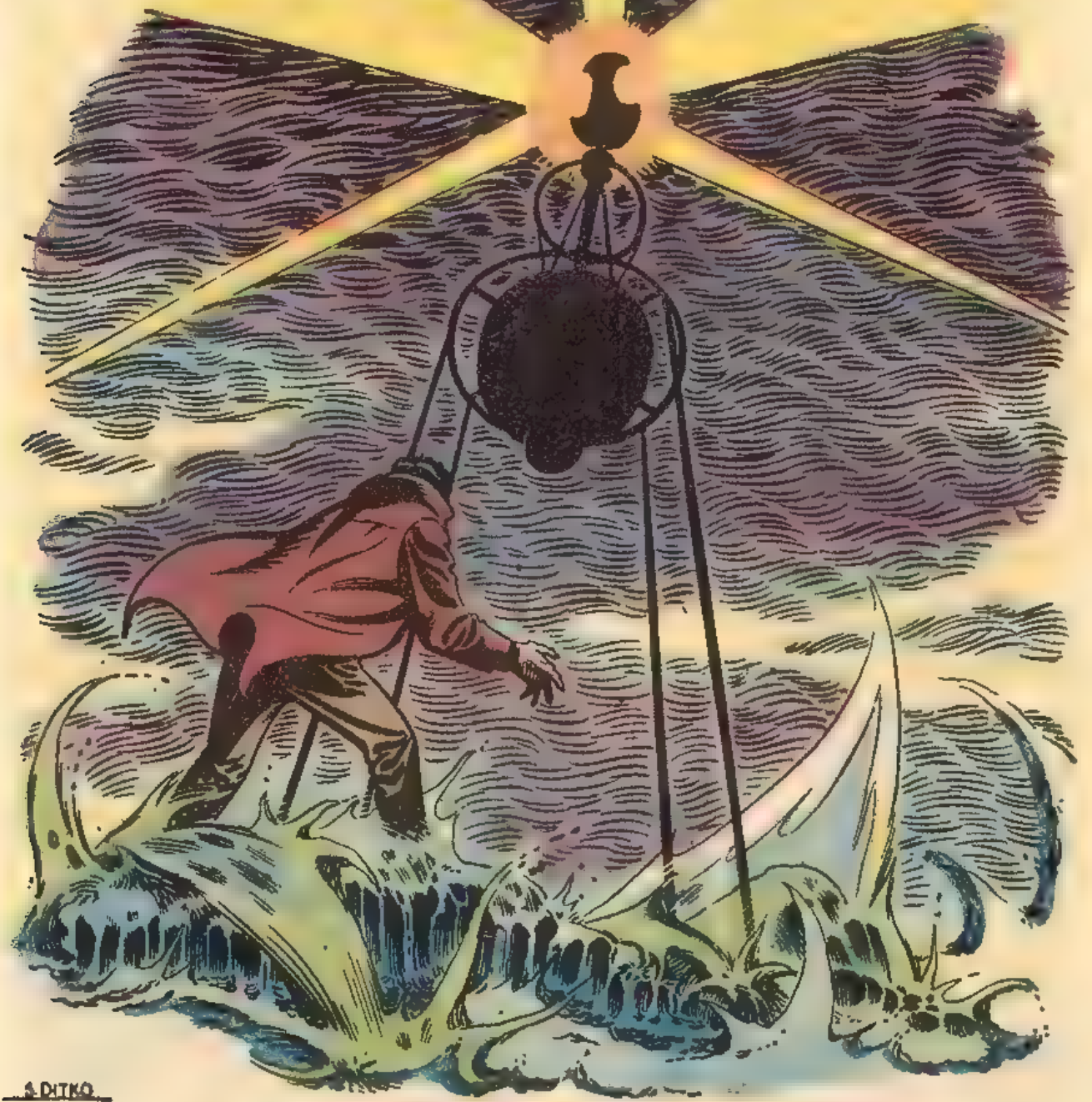
The LIGHTHOUSE From NOWHERE!



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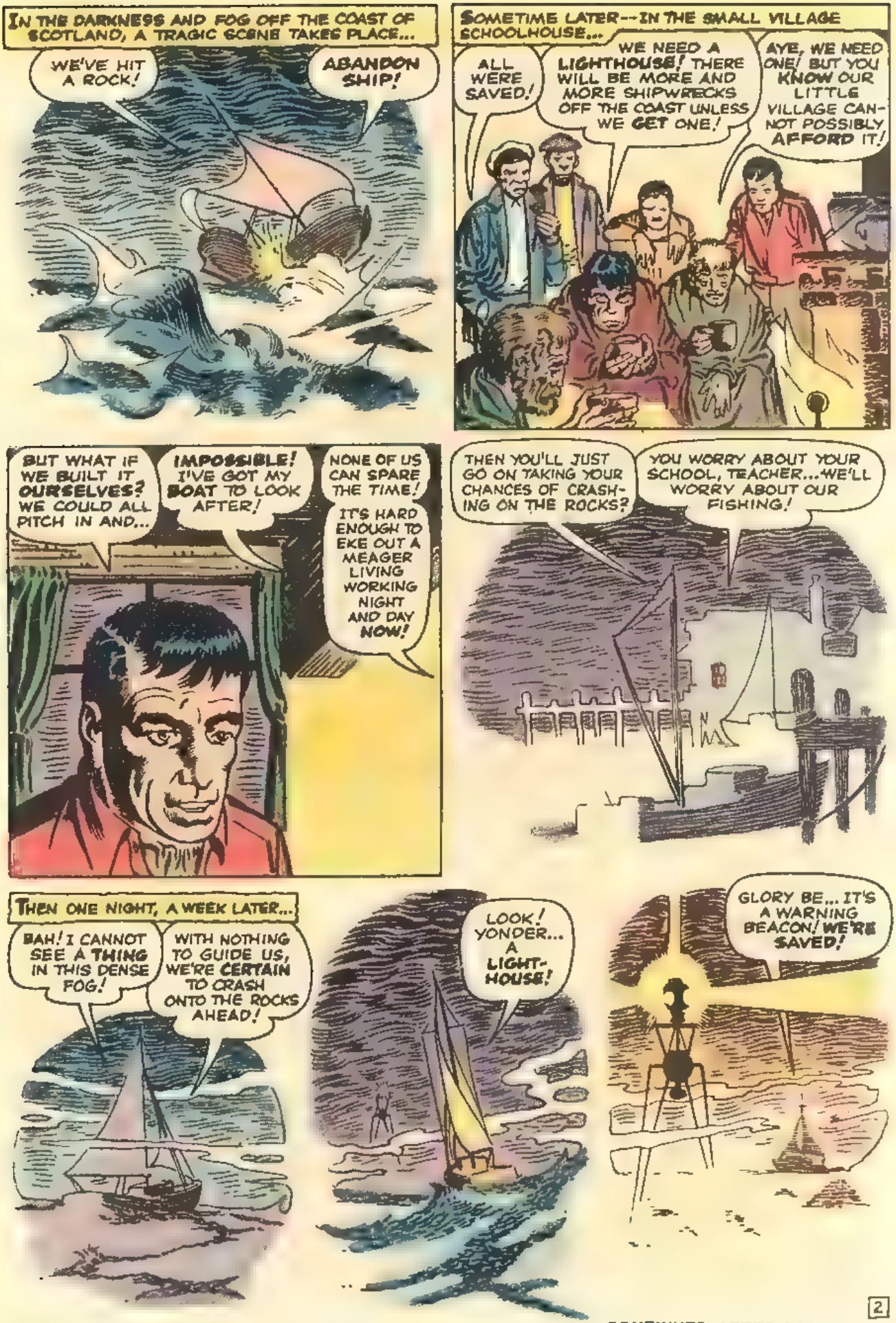
IN THE DARKNESS AND FOG OFF THE COAST OF SCOTLAND, A TRAGIC SCENE TAKES PLACE...
WE'VE HIT A ROCK!
ABANDON SHIP!
SOMETIME LATER--IN THE SMALL VILLAGE SCHOOLHOUSE...
ALL WERE SAVED!
WE NEED A LIGHTHOUSE! THERE WILL BE MORE AND MORE SHIPWRECKS OFF THE COAST UNLESS WE GET ONE!
AYE, WE NEED ONE! BUT YOU KNOW OUR LITTLE VILLAGE CANNOT POSSIBLY AFFORD IT!
BUT WHAT IF WE BUILT IT OURSELVES? WE COULD ALL PITCH IN AND...
IMPOSSIBLE! I'VE GOT MY BOAT TO LOOK AFTER!
NONE OF US CAN SPARE THE TIME!
IT'S HARD ENOUGH TO EKE OUT A MEAGER LIVING WORKING NIGHT AND DAY NOW!
THEN YOU'LL JUST GO ON TAKING YOUR CHANCES OF CRASHING ON THE ROCKS?
YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL, TEACHER...WE'LL WORRY ABOUT OUR FISHING!
THEN ONE NIGHT, A WEEK LATER...
BAH! I CANNOT SEE A THING IN THIS DENSE FOG!
WITH NOTHING TO GUIDE US, WE'RE CERTAIN TO CRASH ONTO THE ROCKS AHEAD!
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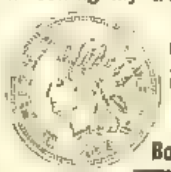

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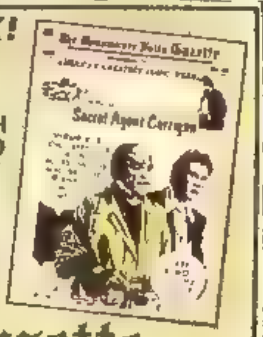

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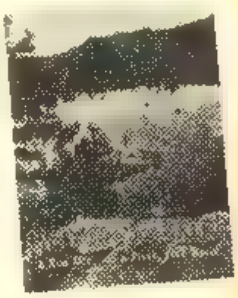

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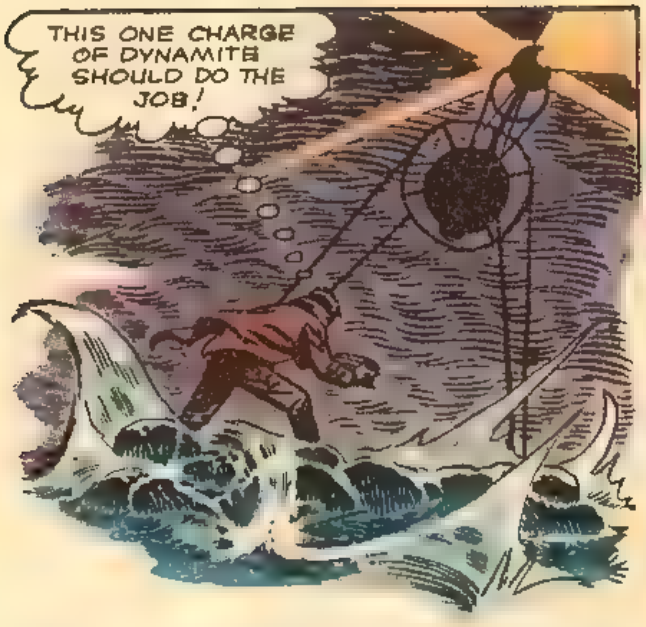
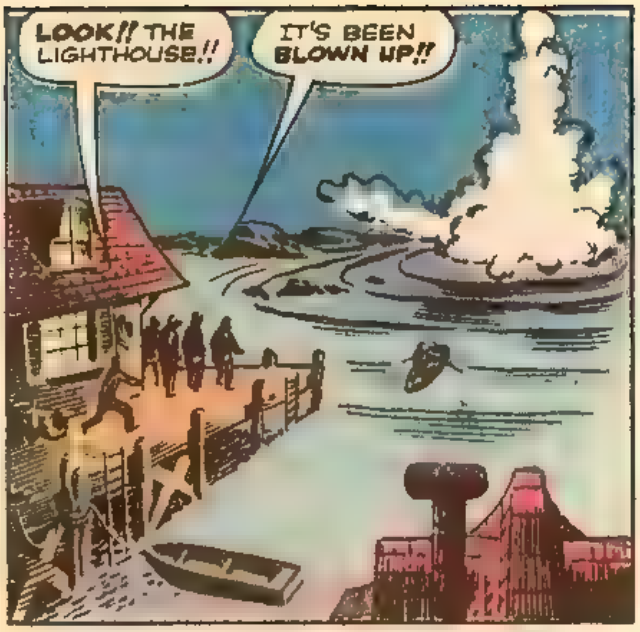
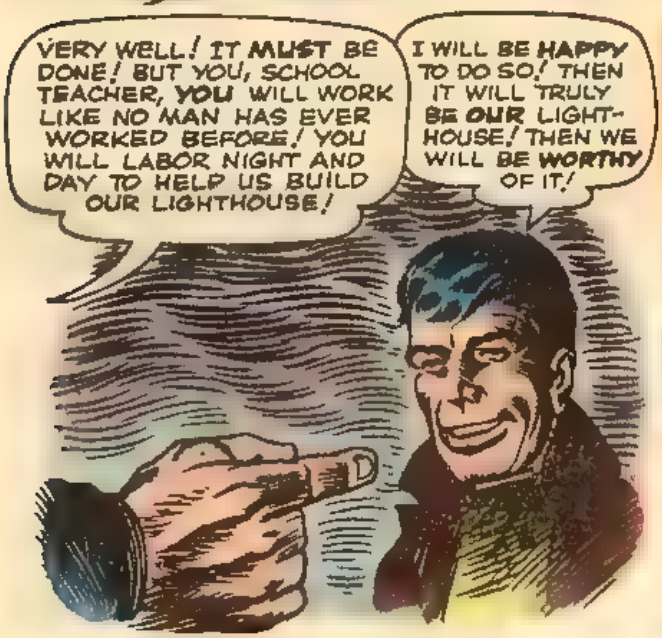
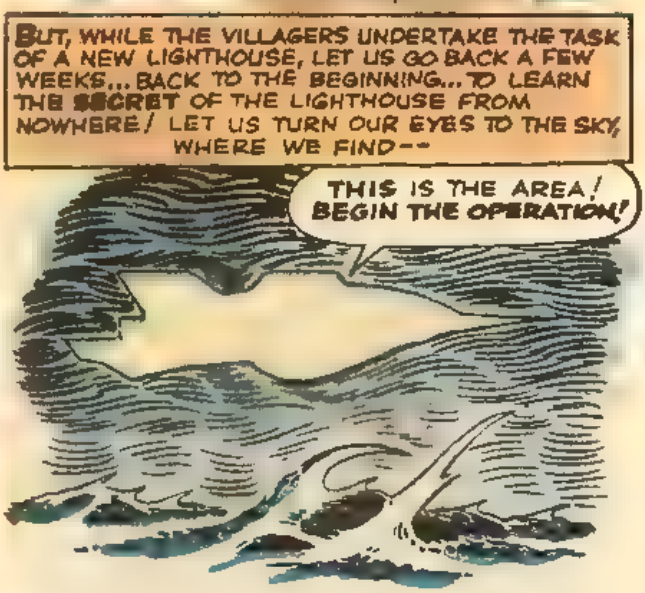
YOU SPEAK NONSENSE, SCHOOLTEACHER!
WHO CARES WHO PAID FOR IT? IT IS OURS NOW... THAT IS ALL THAT MATTERS!
YOU ARE JUST ENVIOUS OF OUR LIGHTHOUSE, TEACHER!
THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND! THEY JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND!
AND, IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED...
THANKS TO THE LIGHTHOUSE, WE CAN NOW FISH AT NIGHT, AND DOUBLE OUR CATCH!
IT IS THE BEST THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO US!
BUT, NOT LONG AFTERWARDS...
THE LAST BOAT HAS RETURNED! NOW TO DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!





HE MUST BE MAD!
WHAT-- WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH HIM?
HE IS NOT IMPORTANT! WHAT DOES MATTER IS THAT WE BUILD ANOTHER LIGHTHOUSE! WE MUST HAVE IT!


VERY WELL! IT MUST BE DONE! BUT YOU, SCHOOL TEACHER, YOU WILL WORK LIKE NO MAN HAS EVER WORKED BEFORE! YOU WILL LABOR NIGHT AND DAY TO HELP US BUILD OUR LIGHTHOUSE!
I WILL BE HAPPY TO DO SO! THEN IT WILL TRULY BE OUR LIGHTHOUSE! THEN WE WILL BE WORTHY OF IT!


BUT, WHILE THE VILLAGERS UNDERTAKE THE TASK OF A NEW LIGHTHOUSE, LET US GO BACK A FEW WEEKS... BACK TO THE BEGINNING... TO LEARN THE SECRET OF THE LIGHTHOUSE FROM NOWHERE! LET US TURN OUR EYES TO THE SKY, WHERE WE FIND--
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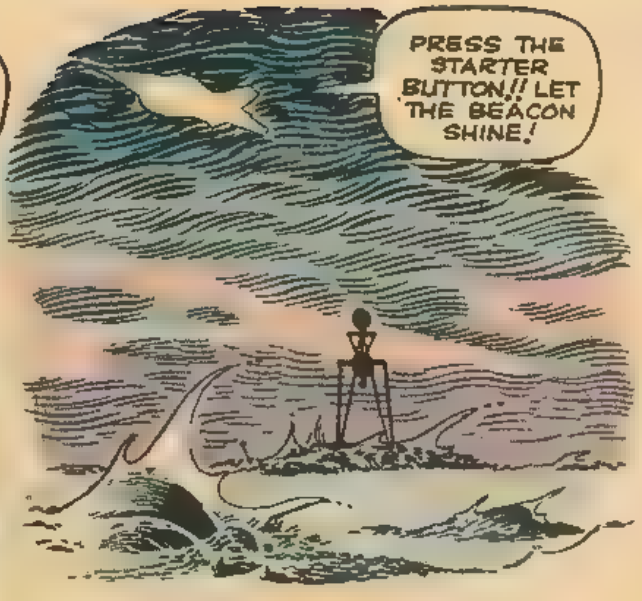
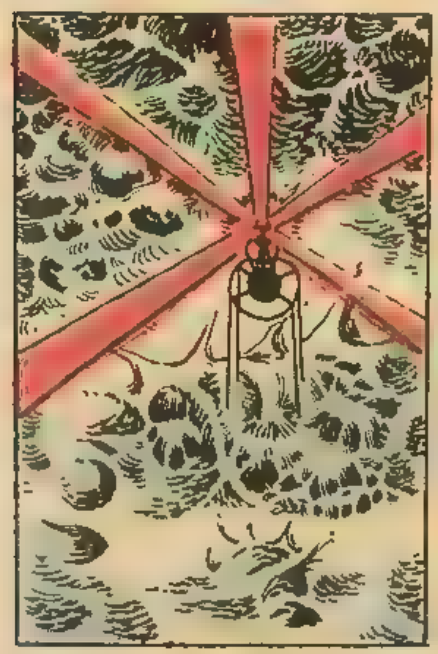
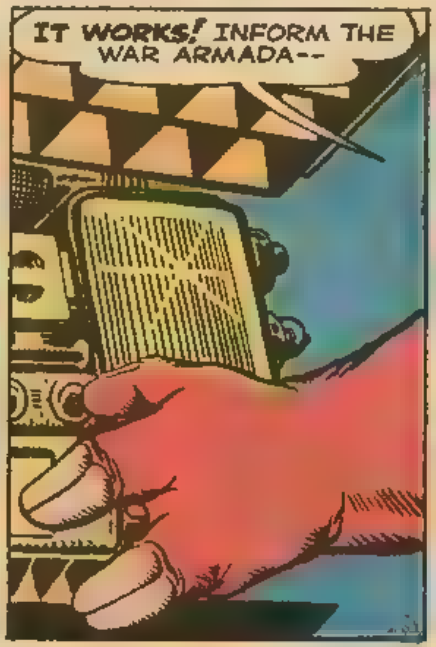
IT IS COMPLETE! LET US DEPART!


PRESS THE STARTER BUTTON!! LET THE BEACON SHINE!




IT WORKS! INFORM THE WAR ARMADA--

IN A FEW DAYS, THAT BEACON WILL MARK THE PLACE WHERE OUR INVASION ARMADA WILL SWOOP DOWN AND DESTROY THE DEFENSES OF THAT UNSUSPECTING PLANET EARTH!

BUT NOT LONG AFTER, THE LIGHTHOUSE WAS NO MORE...
THE BEACON IS GONE! TURN BACK! EARTH MUST HAVE LEARNED OF OUR PLAN! THE INVASION IS OFF! WE WILL NOT ATTACK A FOE WHO IS PREPARED!
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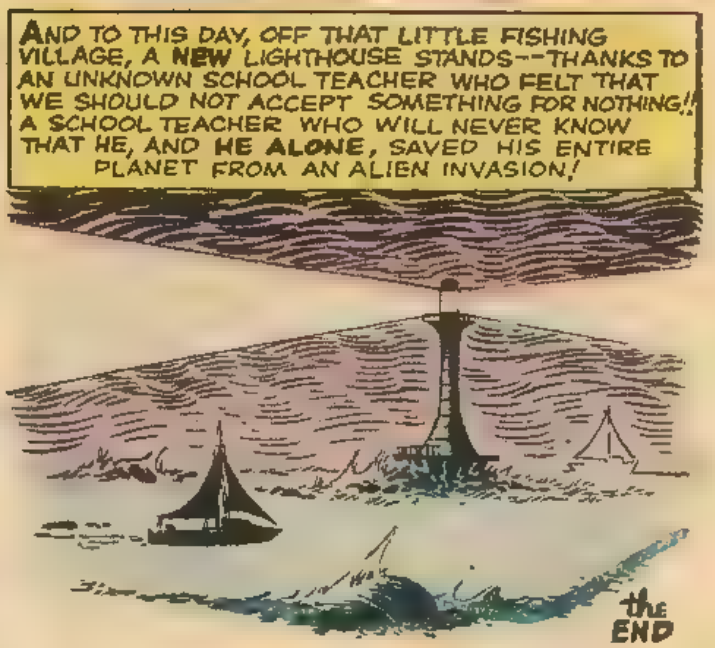
AND TO THIS DAY, OFF THAT LITTLE FISHING VILLAGE, A NEW LIGHTHOUSE STANDS--THANKS TO AN UNKNOWN SCHOOL TEACHER WHO FELT THAT WE SHOULD NOT ACCEPT SOMETHING FOR NOTHING!! A SCHOOL TEACHER WHO WILL NEVER KNOW THAT HE, AND HE ALONE, SAVED HIS ENTIRE PLANET FROM AN ALIEN INVASION!
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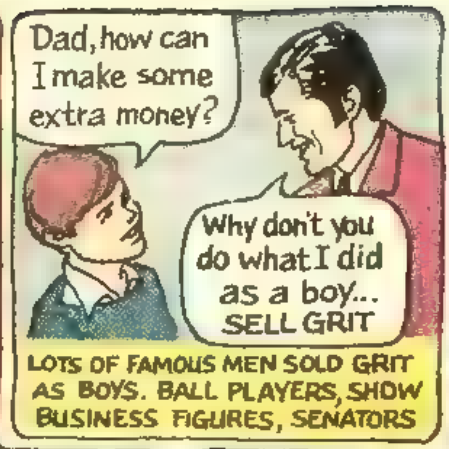

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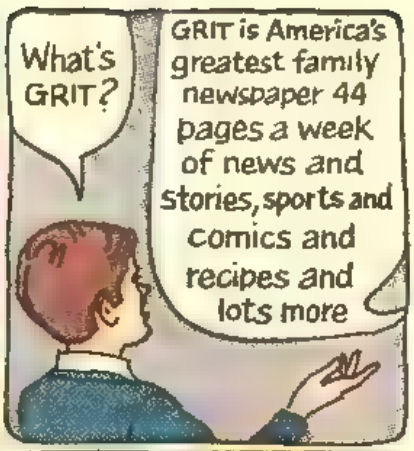
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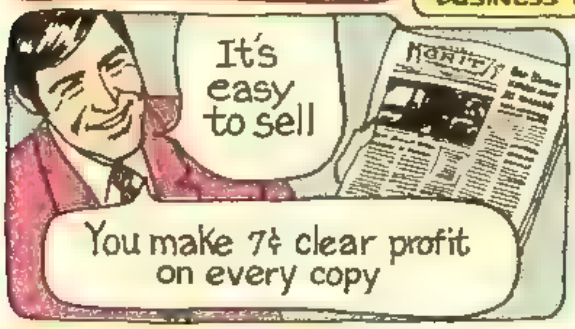

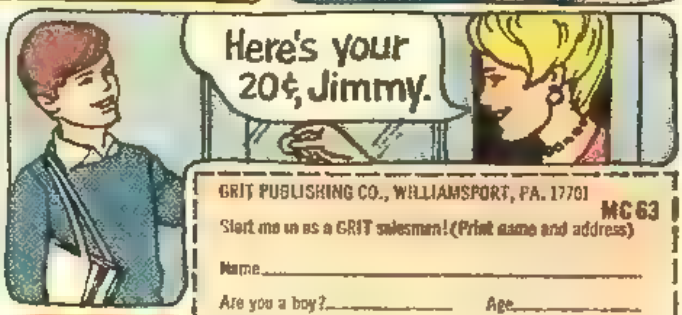

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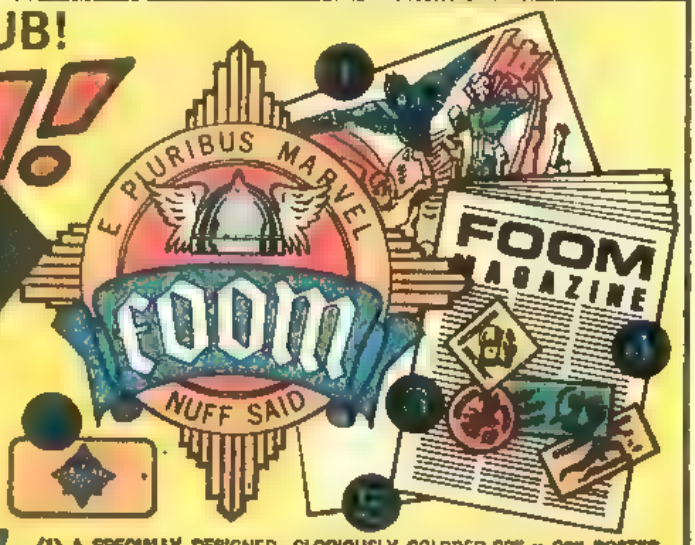

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